

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE
(Filed April 11, 2014)

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PSC Docket No. 14- _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.

On April 11, 2014, Artesian Water Company, Inc. ("AWC" or the "Company") filed with the Delaware Public Service Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in its water service rates across all rate classifications. The new proposed rates and charges increase annual water service revenues by approximately 15.91% or \$9.984 Million.

The following tables present a summary of AWC's present rates and those proposed in its rate application.

MONTHLY USAGE RATES (per 1,000 gallons)

RESIDENTIAL

Current Rate Tiers	Current	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed
First 2,000 Gallons	\$6.565	First 2,000 Gallons	\$7.793
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$7.098	Next 5,000 Gallons	\$8.425
Over 7,000 Gallons	\$8.277	Over 7,000 Gallons	\$9.825

ALL OTHER

Current Rate Tiers	Current	Proposed Rate Tiers	Proposed
First 500,000 Gallons	\$5.887	First 500,000 Gallons	\$6.988
Over 500,000 Gallons	\$6.776	Over 500,000 Gallons	\$8.043

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Current Rate per T.G. \$3.887	Proposed Rate per T.G. \$4.598
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MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGES

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
5/8"	\$13.22	\$14.51
3/4"	\$15.86	\$17.42
1"	\$21.15	\$23.22
1-1/2"	\$42.29	\$46.44
2"	\$55.51	\$60.96
3"	\$84.59	\$92.89
4"	\$121.59	\$133.52
6"	\$211.47	\$232.21
8"	\$317.20	\$348.32
10"	\$502.23	\$551.51

MONTHLY PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

Meter Size	Current	Proposed
5/8"	\$4.00	\$4.71
3/4"	\$5.98	\$7.03
1"	\$10.00	\$11.76
1-1/2"	\$19.94	\$23.43
2"	\$31.99	\$37.59
3"	\$60.02	\$70.55
4"	\$100.04	\$117.59
6"	\$200.39	\$235.74
8"	\$319.71	\$376.03
10"	\$511.38	\$601.53

MONTHLY PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION CHARGES

Detector Check	Current	Proposed
1-1/2"	\$19.28	\$21.11
2"	\$40.95	\$44.43
4"	\$106.69	\$114.36
6"	\$227.47	\$248.31
8"	\$378.70	\$415.05
10"	\$565.73	\$626.43
12"	\$618.19	\$737.27
Private Hydrant	\$227.47	\$248.31

WHOLESALE RATES AND CHARGES

Description	Current	Proposed
New Castle-Boothhurst	Various	No Change
City of New Castle	\$3.100 per T.G.	No Change
Middletown	\$2.125 per T.G.	\$2.489
Delaware Correctional Ctr.	\$2.243 per T.G.	\$2.491
Clayton	\$2.000 per T.G.	No Change
Artesian Water Maryland	\$3.762 per T.G.	No Change
Chesapeake City	\$4.104 per T.G.	No Change

Pursuant to 26 Del. C. 306(a)(1), the Commission has suspended the effectiveness of the proposed new rates and proposed rule revisions pending further investigations and public evidentiary hearings, which will be held at a later date after further public notice. However, pursuant to 26 Del. C. 306(c) AWC has requested authority to place a portion of the proposed rate increase into effect, under bond and subject to refund, on June 10, 2014.

The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the evidence of record taken at public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and revisions and may approve a different method for allocating among rates any increase in revenues should one be found to be appropriate.

Any person that wishes to participate formally, as a party, in this docket (PSC Docket No. 14-__) should file for leave to intervene with the Commission in accordance with Rule 21 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Such Petitions should be filed on or before _____ at the Commission's office located at:

Delaware Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Boulevard
Cannon Building
Dover, Delaware 19904

Petitions filed after date shown will not be considered, except for good cause shown.

Interested customers are invited to review the application and supporting materials to see how their individual interest may be affected. Copies of the application are available for public inspection during normal business hours in the Commission's Dover office at the address listed

above. Copies may also be reviewed, by appointment, at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate (DPA) located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor 8320 North French Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Please call (302) 577-5077 to arrange for a time to review the documents at such location.

Any individual with disabilities, who wishes to participate in, or to review these proceedings, may contact the Commission to discuss the use of auxiliary aides or services that may facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, by telephone, or otherwise. For inquiries, the Commission's toll free telephone number (in Delaware) is 1-800-282-8574. Any person with questions may also contact the Commission Staff at (302) 736-7500 and by Text Telephone also at (302) 736-7500. Inquiries can also be sent via the Internet to Alisa.Bentley@state.de.us.